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TO

PROTESTANT PRINCES

AND

PEOPLE,

Who are all ſtruck at in the *Popiſh Cruelties* at *THORN*, and other Barbarous Executions abroad.

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INTRODUCTION.

CHRISTIAN Princes are Pharaohs. Romiſh Prieſts Gods. Pope above God. New Executions abroad are but old Tragedies re-acted. Popery founded and propagated by Blood, the darling Liquid of Rome *and her Offspring. Papiſts brought up in the Art of Murder, by their deviliſh Cruelties here, hope for Civilities from the Devil hereafter. Proteſtantiſm in a deep Conſumption. K.* William's *Legacy.*

A CERTAIN Preacher at *Naples*, when perſwading the People into a Belief that the Prieſts were ſuperior to Kings, broke out into this paſſionate Exclamation.

Oh ye Princes of Chriſtendom, ye are Pharaohs, *and we Prieſts are your Gods. Oh ye* Pharaohs *obey your Gods! you can only obey the Creature, but we make the Creator himſelf come down on the Altars at our pleaſure* *.

THUS the High Prieſt of *Rome*, (*who exalts himſelf above all that is called God,*) pretends to a Power, not only to depoſe Soveraign Princes, but to pull

* *Turkiſh Spy*, Vol. V. Edit. VIII. P. 49.

Saints, yea, God himſelf out of Paradiſe (*abſit blaſphemia*) as well as Sinners out of Purgatory.

In the *Lateran Council*, a certain Deity is aſcribed to the *Roman Pontif*; his Words *in Cathedra* are held equal to the ſacred Writings, yea, of ſuperior Authority; for he can decree contrary to them, and from his Tribunal there lies no Appeal, no not to the ſupreme Court *.

No Wonder then, to ſee the *Arch Flamen*, turgid with Pride, make ſuch Inroades upon the divine and inalienable Rights of Mankind, ſacrificing all to his impious Caprice, that will not fall down and *worſhip the Golden Image*.

The late barbarous Executions at *Thorn* in *Poland*, ſeem as if they were flaming Beacons of War, as well as an Inſtance of moſt execrable Cruelty; a Cruelty in which, one would think, they had laviſht out all the Stock of their Hatred and Rage at once.

Tho, indeed, there appears no Novelty in this Act of modern Rage againſt the Reformiſts, it being only the Re-acting of an old darling Tragedy upon thoſe who dare oppoſe themſelves to the Torrent of their Uſurpations.

The Church of *Rome* delights to propagate her Species by Blood, the prolifick Principle from whence ſhe firſt ſprang; ſo that Blood is a kind of Liquid connatural to her Guſt, and ſwells her with Pleaſure, and which having once taſted of, creates inſatiable Thirſt after more.

Hence 'tis, her *Altars* continually ſmoak with *Human Victims*, and that her Children, while the Clay is pliant, are educated in Maxims of Cruelty, the Prieſts painting it to them as their Duty to hate and murder Proteſtants; and in this they act ſo like the Devil as if they expected ſome particular Civilities from him hereafter.

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* *Alter Deus in terra, Seſſ.* 4.

WE are daily alarmed with tragical Relations of horrid Murders committed upon our Proteſtant Brethren abroad; what fearful Depredations in the *Palatinate?* In *France*, what Cry of bleating Lambs? How does the prouling Wolf ſcour thro' the Fields? How does he diſtend his Paws to graſp the Prey? What Anguiſh, what Confuſion, what Horror among the Remnant there? no Day but they are encloſed with Shades of Night.

The Reformation has been long upon the Decline, and probably had in a great Meaſure been extinguiſh'd by this time, but for the *happy Legacy* bequeathed to us by the glorious King WILLIAM. The Votaries of *Rome* are implacable, their Hatred of us coeval with our Receſs from their Church, and heightned beyond Poſſibility of Reconciliation: Therefore,

IN ſome Countries they will not allow Proteſtants to dwell among them; and where they have taken Rooting they are weeding them out as faſt as they can.

IF a timely Check be not given to this cruel Perſecution of Proteſtants, Proteſtantiſm can't long ſubſiſt.

CHAP. I.

NO Proteſtants *allowed to live in* Spain, Portugal, *and* Italy: *On the other Hand,* Papiſts *are allowed to live in all Proteſtant States. Reiterated Treaſons have not yet provoked us to ſcalp 'em. Engliſh Gibbets no Cure for Popiſh Madneſs. The Iriſh Climate propitious to this hurtful Vermin.* Oliver's *Motion to baniſh all the Iriſh Papiſts.* Walſingham's *Wiſh tolerated in* Scotland *and* Denmark. *In* Swedeland, *the Romiſh Prieſts allowed to preach and propagate.*

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In Holland, Switzerland, *the* Hans Towns, *are a great many of the ſame Leaven. In Popiſh Countries* (*as* Spain, Portugal, Italy, Mexico, Peru, *&c.*) *no Proteſtants are ſuffered to live among them.*

THEY keep them at Arms Length, as if their Breath was a peſtilential Steam, that infected the Air where they inhabited; and ſhould the Proteſtants with a *non obſtante* pitch their Tents among them, the Court of Inquiſition would ſoon cruſh thoſe preſumptuous Sinners as peſtiferous Vermin.

So odious is the Idea of the Proteſtant Religion in their Eyes, that by their inhumane Laws, 'tis immediate Death to profeſs it in their Precincts. The Spaniſh King has merited the Appellation of *Catholick*, becauſe he ſuffers none but Catholicks to dwell in his Dominions, tho' at the ſame time he is the remoteſt from the true Catholick Faith.

In *Germany* where there are Multitudes of Proteſtants blended with the People of the Land, their Eſtabliſhment is the Price of Blood, purchas'd by Dint of Sword, but even there the Fort is no longer tenable than they are able to defend it.

If there be any Spot of Ground where Papiſts are not formidable, 'tis becauſe they have no Dragoons to make them ſo. Were their Power of equal Size with their Will, not a Proteſtant but what had been roaſted in Sulphur long ago; no, not a Heathen ſhould eſcape the fiery Tryal, as appears by the *Spaniard's* incredible Barbarity towards the *American Indians*.

They did not only murder thoſe poor Creatures, but diſpatcht 'em with the moſt exquiſite Torments that Hell could deviſe; ſo great was the Deſtruction, that in the ſpace of Forty Years, they killed in the Southern Provinces between Thirty and Forty Millions of the *Americans*.

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So universal were the Massacres, that one might travel Seven Hundred Miles, and find no Body, tho' the Country was populous before the *Spaniards* made that terrible Havock; this made the miserable *Indians* think *the GOD of the Christians the worst of all Gods, that had such cruel Servants.*

On the other Hand, there are no Protestant States but suffer *Papists* to dwell in them, and to enjoy their Religion without Disturbance, if they don't disturb the Government.

At this Moment, there are Millions of Papists who are subject to Protestant Princes, and who enjoy their civil and religious Immunities (without any Determent or Menaces, on the Score of different Sentiments in Religion) daily resorting to Mass without Dread of Informers, and in all Courts of Justice Papists and Antipapists are treated with equal Regards: Whereas in the Court of *France* all the Cry was, *I plead against a Heretick, I have to do with a Man whose Religion is odious to the STATE, and which Our Sovereign Lord the* King *would have entirely extirpated.* And by this Artifice, those upon the Bench (some of whom wanted not a benevolent Inclination) were terrify'd, and oppressed Protestants denied the Relief of common Justice.

Thus The generous Protestant gives Protection to *Wolves*, when Papists will not permit *Lambs* to live in their Countries, unless it be for the Butcher. Protestants, like Heaven, when provoked drop their Wrath even when they have Instruments of Revenge in their Power; suffering those who are professed Enemies to sojourn among them, which has something in it that is great and heroical.

In *England* are several Catholicks, who, tho' their Religion (upon the Score of rebellious Principles) be prohibited, yet are not distressed in the Profession of it, and I believe never will be, if they don't resume the old, but unsuccessful Trade of plotting; a Sin which the Gallows has not been yet able to cure them of.

In *Ireland*, (a Country *Walſingham* wiſh'd buried in the Sea) there are a ſuperiour Number of Papiſts, where they have many Biſhops and Vicars, either Apoſtolical or Capitular, and are allowed the free Uſe of their Religion: And when treated with Severity, 'tis not for Religion, but for Want of Religion, *i. e.* either for their Conſpiracies againſt the Government, or Murders and Robberies againſt their Neighbours.

The *Iriſh Maſſacre* was ſuch a Prodigy of Barbarouſneſs as would have juſtified the Tranſplantation of all the Iriſh Catholicks. If we had baniſh'd thoſe bloody Aſſaſſinators Root and Branch, into *Tartary*, *Siberia*, or any where beyond the Tropicks, to cool their Thirſt after humane Blood, no Nation could have tax'd us with Injuſtice; becauſe the Murder of Two Hundred Thouſand Innocent Men, deſerved a ſeverer Chaſtiſement.

It was *Oliver*'s Advice to baniſh them, and if *Oliver* had done it, (which he might have done without draining the Kingdom) he had done a very valuable and ſignificant Piece of Service to Proteſtantiſm, and 'till it be done, it can never be truly ſaid of *Ireland*, *that it nouriſhes no venomous Creature.*

Let us ſuppoſe Two Hundred Thouſand Papiſts murdered by Proteſtants, and that the popiſh Governors in that Country had the Power of Revenge in their Hands, what would they do? Would they have allowed thoſe Murderers the Liberty of Life any where on Earth? I trow not. If there had been any ſuch Inſtance in being, it would have furniſh'd them with everlaſting Pleas in Juſtification of their cruel and inexorable Rage againſt the Reformed; but 'tis the Honour of our Religion, that it was never ſtained with bloody Maſſacres.

In *Clement* the XI his Time, there were twelve Jeſuits, and ten ſecular Prieſts under a Superior, diſpers'd thro' *Scotland*, where they met with no Moleſtation in their Worſhip. If this mutinous Tribe be in a State of

of Acquieſcence under *Presbytery* in *Scotland*, and under *Prelacy* in *England* and *Ireland*, one would wonder, what 'tis that provokes the Papiſt, and fills his Mind with ſuch furious Indignation againſt us.

BUT you'l ſay, *How have foreign Proteſtants acquitted themſelves in this Reſpect?* I anſwer, with *perfect Clemency*, but when the Conſpiracies of Papiſts againſt the State, brought political Vengeance upon them, a late KING of *Denmark* made no Scruple of granting Liberty of Conſcience to the Papiſts in the Town of *Altena*, at the Inſtance of the *Chevalier de Trebon* the *French* Ambaſſador, tho' at the ſame time, the *French* King denied Liberty to the Proteſtants in *Languedoc*.

HIS *Daniſh* Majeſty conniv'd at the Opening of a Maſs-Houſe in *Copenhagen*, which Liberty (by their outragious Inſolencies under the ſucceeding Reign) they juſtly forfeited; the *Papiſts* as well as the *Calviniſts* at *Glucſtat* on the *Elb*, are allowed a publick Chapel by the *Danes*.

THE *Swedes*, who formerly deter'd Prieſts from entring the Kingdom, have now laid aſide their enormous Hatred, and ſuffer *Papiſts* to live and trade among them, the Law of Caſtration being repeal'd at the Inſtigation of the Fathers-Confeſſors, for very good Reaſons and Cauſes, them thereunto moving.

THE *united Provinces* contain above Three Hundred Thouſand Catholicks, and many Hundred Prieſts, whoſe Religion is tolerated under the Inſpection of the Biſhop of *Caſtoria*, Apoſtolick Vicar of *Holland*, *according to* Cerrie's *Account*.

HERE the Romiſh Prieſts live ſecurely, and at large, here they make a Merchandize of Heaven, one of the Conditions of Sale being, who bids moſt ſhall be the Buyer.

IN the Provinces of lower *Germany*, and in the *Hans Towns*, there are large Covies of them, *viz.* troubleſome *Papiſts*, who meet with no Trouble for their Religion. There are huge Swarms of them in and about

Hamburgh, where they are allowed publick Churches under a Proteſtant Government, the Repoſe of which they often diſquiet.

IN *Switzerland*, where the Sons of *Rome* have little Reaſon to expect Indulgence, they are allowed the Exerciſe of their Religion in the two mixt Cantons, *Glaris* and *Appenzal*, where the Reformed are more numerous and ſtrong.

FROM the Summity of their Hills, they have long beheld with Grief the Smoak ariſing from the fiery Furnaces around them, into which the *Nebuchadnezars* of the Earth caſt the *Children of the Reformation.* *

CHAP. II.

PROTESTANTS harraſt and maſſacred for their Religion in all popiſh Countries, as Hungary, Piedmont, Palatinate, France. *Sad Conſequence of Proteſtants turning Papiſts. Clemency the Genius of Proteſtantiſm. If Papiſts had their Will, no Proteſtants ſhould live. Catholicks more happy under a Proteſtant than under Popiſh Government. Papiſts hereditary Enemies to* England. *Baniſhment their due. Can give no Pledge to the State for their good Behaviour.* N. B. *In Popiſh Kingdoms loyal Proteſtants are treated as Rebels: In Proteſtant States diſloyal Papiſts as Subjects.*

MANY Popiſh Princes whoſe Kingdom abounded with Proteſtant Churches, have by violent Methods rooted them out, and that for no Crime objected to them, but their Religion.

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* *See* Monſignor Cerris *State of the Roman Catholick Religion.*

In ſome Places the Deſtruction of Proteſtants has been total, and where they yet have an Exiſtence, they are barbarouſly handled, wrong'd out of all their Rights; their Churches, Schools, Houſes, Lands, and Children, wreſted from them by Violence; and when permitted to baniſh themſelves, have not been able to take any thing with them, but their Conſciences. Oh cruel Popery! Thy Name is *Apollyon*, the Deſtroyer! The Abomination that makes deſolate! How many flouriſhing Churches have been buried in Ruins by the Son of Perdition and his ſpiritual Dragoons?

Come, and ſee, what Deſolations the Spirit of Popery has made in the Earth: The *Pagan* has ſlain his Thouſands: The *Papiſt* his Ten Thouſands.

Time was, when there were Multitudes of Proteſtants in *Hungary*, *Tranſylvania*, *Moravia*, *Auſtria*, *Bohemia*, if there be now a *Huſſite* in *Bohemia*, he is inviſible, being forced to conceal his Proteſtant Principle, to prevent his being knockt on the Head.

In 1674, the poor *Hungarian Proteſtants* were by all the Arts of Cruelty reduced to the loweſt Ebb of Miſery; the Barbarities wherewith they and our Brethren in the Valleys of *Piedmont* (who are ſuppos'd to be the pureſt Remains of Chriſtianity, and never defil'd with the Errors of *Rome*) were inexpreſſiby cruel beyond Imagination!

The *Palatinate*, lately a Proteſtant Branch of the Empire, is now a Limb of the Beaſt, being over run with the Weeds of Popery: The Cloud over that Country looks black, but we hope a new Star may yet appear in the Horizon of the *Palatinate*, and that it will not be in the Power of *Sultsbac* to eclipſe its Rays, however favourable to him a certain laſt Will may be. Let the brave King of *Pruſſia* live for ever!

And in a neighbour Kingdom, how many Millions of innocent Proteſtants have been inhumanely diſpatcht by the Hands of Violence? How long has that unhappy Land been delug'd with the Blood (not of

impious and disloyal but) of righteous and good Men? And only for making the Bible, and not the Priest, the Rule of their Faith and Worship.

In *Germany*, after many bloody Struggles, the Protestant Religion was establisht by the *Westphalian Treaty*, 1648, and things continued in a tolerable good Posture, till the late *French* King broke in upon the Empire, and took several Towns and Cities, in all which, he dispossest the Protestants of their Rights and Religion, which by the Treaty of *Reswick*, received a kind of Sanction, as they interpret it.

The Desertion of Protestants to the Romish Church, gives us another melancholy Prospect, and at the same time administers to our Enemies no slender Matter of Triumph and Hope. How fatal a Blow to the Reformation was the Apostacy of the *El.* of *Saxony*, now *K.* of *Poland*, and of his Son the Prince.

The Daughters of *Wolfenbuttel* dazzl'd with the Lustre of Crowns, exchang'd the *Rose* for the *Aconite*, *Pater noster* for *Ave Maria*, *Goshen* for *Ægypt*.

Some Protestant Ecclesiasticks bloated with Ambition and Avarice have embrac'd the Idols of *Rome*: The Cardinal *Sax Zeits*, the Bishop of *Ratisbon*, &c. were educated Protestants. The Romish Church is never without a Fund of Honour and Preferment to encourage Proselytes, abounds with Gems to enchase their Cups, and yellow Slaves to fill them.

Thus our holy Religion abroad loses Ground, not only under the Yoke of Popish Lords, but, by the Desertion of its Friends. But to proceed, we have seen how our foreign Brethern are treated by Papists: In the next Place, let us view the Spirit of a Protestant with Regard to Papists, and you'll find it to be that of pure Christianity, *viz.* Love in its Latitude, a benevolent Disposition of Mind towards them as our Fellow Creatures, tho' Enemies. Hence it is, the Vassals of *Rome* are suffer'd to breathe in Protestant Air, and not extirpated, tho' according to our Homilies, their *Religion* is *Idolatry* and *Rebellion*.

THEIR Antipathy is incurable, as it is ignoble and cauſeleſs. No Proteſtant ſhould eſcape the painful Senſation of the Rack, if their *Might* equall'd the *Malice* of their Will: As it is, their Plots, Conſpiracies, Treaſons, Maſſacres, Frauds, Oppoſitions, *&c.* fill up a great Part of the Annals of *Europe*.

NONE of our Princes ſince the Reformation but have (ſome way or other) been diſtreſt or bewitcht by the Enticement of theſe *Italian Sirens*, and yet they ſtill live to deceive the Nations. Not a *Roman* among us is entitled to a Foot of Land, but what has been forfeited over and over again, by a long Train of Capital Crimes; yet theſe unreaſonable Creatures are not only ſafe, but more ſafe in their Perſons and Properties, than if they were in *France* or *Spain*, where the King governs all by an unbounded Will, *i. e. where Power reigns without Reaſon.*

NEVER had People ſuch flagrant Provocations to ſacrifice an old hereditary Enemy as the *Engliſh* have; yet this Enemy is not only tolerated, but generouſly ſecur'd and ſhelter'd under our Wings; yea, at the ſame time that he thirſts after the Blood of his Protectors, and is meditating their Ruin.

IF theſe Tygers in humane Shape had been baniſht into the Land of *Caburo*, or any where under the *Equinoctial*, to ſee how they lik'd the Exceſs of natural Heat, it would have been a Conviction to the World of our Clemency, ſince their reiterated Treaſons entitle them to ſeverer Executions: Yet they live, they live in *England*, live in profound Tranquillity, live in the undiſturbed Exerciſe of their Superſtitions, live under the Protection of a Government to which they deny Allegiance and Affection.

IF to ſerve a Turn, they ſwear to it, 'tis only a political Grimace, done by Indulgence from the Pope, who by his holy Juglings unſwears 'em again; you may as ſoon fetter them with a Rope of Sand, as with the Solemnity of an Oath.

WERE there no other Reaſon to juſtify their Transplantation,

plantation, this were ſufficient; becauſe they will not, yea, becauſe (by the Principles of their Religion) they cannot give the Government that protects them a Pledge of their Fidelity: If they bind themſelves by an Oath, the Bond is but a precarious Security, ſince it may be any Day cancel'd by the Daſh of an *Italian* Pen.

THUS the Roman Catholicks are taught from their Infancy to play the *Hocus Pocus* with the ſacred Solemnities of Religion. Theſe Men therefore juſtly forfeit their Right to the Protection of a Government, unto which they can give no reaſonable Security for their good Behaviour.

THESE are *Serpents* in our *Boſom*, and yet to rid the Nation of theſe dangerous Creatures, and plant in their Room a Colony of *French* or *German Refugees*, might perhaps be interpreted an Act of Severity; but in Truth, very conſiſtent with the Law of Self-Preſervation, there being no other way, without falling into the Popiſh Method, to bind thoſe to their good Behaviour who have vowed our Deſtruction; and we know they only want a proper Seaſon to execute their villainous Deſign, in diſpenſing that Wrath which they have been long treaſuring up for us.

THIS Tranſportation, I confeſs, carries with it an Air of Cruelty; however it's no way parallel to the Barbarities executed by the Papiſts upon our Brethren in foreign Countries: Self-Preſervation conſtrains to it. Neceſſity breaks no Law.

BUT when we conſtrain them to ſwallow a little of that Venom they have ſo profuſely ſpit out againſt Proteſtants, we ſhould intermix Mercy with Judgment; therefore when they are ſpued out of the Land, let 'em gang off with Bodies unhurt, and with their Goods and Chattels, in what Form or Faſhion they pleaſe; let us ſhed no Blood, lay no Hands on 'em, but let them depart in Peace, attended with our beſt Wiſhes for their Illumination.

THESE things furniſh us with an uncouth Obſervation, *viz. that peaceable Proteſtants abroad are treated like*

like Rebels, and rebellious Papiſts at home like peaceable Subjects.

FOREIGN Proteſtants who vow Allegiance to their popiſh Governours, and religiouſly obſerve their Oath, are oppreſt, perſecuted, pillag'd and hang'd: And why all this? Why, becauſe they will not turn mad Men, *and go out of their Senſes to become Chriſtians.* All theſe Cruelties might be prevented, if they would but believe or ſay that they eat their GOD in the conſecrated Wafer, and had Throats wide enough to ſwallow Mountains of Contradictions and Impoſſibilities.

BUT Engliſh Papiſts, who vow and ſwear Obedience to the Pope and Pretender, enjoy their Religion and civil Immunities without any vexatious Proſecutions, no, not ſo much as Interruption in their ſuperſtitious Acts of Devotion; none of 'em are dragoon'd into our Churches, or forced into Slaughter-Houſes for not complying with the eſtabliſht Mode of Worſhip, none of their Children forced from them, and brought up in the Religion of the State.

IN ſhort, if thoſe Thouſands and Thouſands of Proteſtants that within the Memory of Man have fal'n Victims to the inſatiable Rage of *Rome*, were now alive, yea, only the *French* Proteſtants, *Rome* would tremble, the Conclave grow pale with Envy and Deſpair, the Spirit of the Church ſuccumb under the Weight, and the Engines of Perſecution drop out of her Hand.

BY theſe annual Executions and Calcinations they hope to reduce Proteſtants into a narrower Circle, which in Proceſs of Time, will enable them to extend their Claws, ſo as to graſp the whole Body for their Prey, which leads to the next Head.

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CHAP. III.

IF a full Stop be not put to Popiſh Perſecutions and Maſſacres, 'tis to be feared, that in time there will not be a ſufficient Number of Proteſtants left to defend themſelves. But for the Proteſtant Succeſſion ſettled in the Houſe *of* Hanover, *Popery would have been the univerſal Religion. While Proteſtant Powers are aſleep, Papiſts ſow Tares in Proteſtant Fields, and pluck up the Wheat.* Alberoni *againſt a religious War, till all Proteſtants under Popiſh Governours be eradicated. The Romiſh Sword never ſheath'd, but in Blood. Impudence and wild Fire College Virtues. Flags of Defiance. Zeal for the Church ſanctifies the moſt horrible Cruelties, and makes them meritorious.*

IF a timely Check be not given to this long and cruel Perſecution of Proteſtants, Proteſtantiſm can't long ſubſiſt.

WE have already animadverted on the Deſolations made in the Proteſtant World by the *Sollicitors* of Hell, the Fire of whoſe Rage is, it ſeems, too ſtrong to be conquer'd by a Sea of Blood. Where will theſe horrible and barbarous Executions (whoſe Revolution is periodical) terminate?

IF this outragious and rampant Spirit be not controul'd, 'tis to be fear'd, that in Proceſs of time, there will not be left a ſufficient Number of Proteſtants to defend themſelves, and to carry on a religious War, of which the haughty and thoughtleſs Enemies have given frequent Signals.

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And we know they want not Inclination to extend and enlarge their new Conquests. The *Italian Oracle* has been consulted, but the *infallible Tripod* can't insure Success in the Enterprize against us, especially since the Operation of the Protestant Succession-Act; yet they can't forbear firing at our Parties from their Ambuscado's.

Astonishing! Protestant Churches have by barbarous Hands been sackt and demolisht in Popish Kingdoms, and Mass-houses stand firm and unthreatned in Protestant Countries! How long shall poor Protestants on Account of their Consciences be murdered by Papists, and Papists who have no Conscience be protected and indulg'd by Protestants?

When Protestants who have their Residence in Catholick Dominions are entirely devour'd, then *have at* the main Body, in order to make Popery the universal and only Religion.

Was not there good Seed sown in the Field? Yes. *From whence then has it Tares?* How comes the Wheat to be pluckt up? The Enemy has done it, while the Men in high Places slept.

The *Philistines*, said *Delilah* to *Sampson*, *are upon thee*, when it was too late to save himself; the Hair, in which his prodigious Strength lay, being cut off when asleep, he when awake became an easy Prey to his old inveterate Enemies.

Alberoni advises against all Projects tending to a religious War, till there be a *further Reduction of Protestants*, especially in Popish States: When those miserable Creatures are entirely consum'd, then the *Italian Bands* may (with Hope of greater Success) conduct the *Crusado* into Protestant Countries, where their Catholick Brethren will be ready to embrace them, and to cut their Neighbour's Throats, in order to facilitate the Conquest.

We have no Reason to think the Furies are come to their *Ne plus ultra*, since the Sword of that Church (from the Reformation) was never sheath'd; but in

Arms, Blood, and Carnage, we behold with Grief the Progreſs of it in the gradual Deſtruction of Proteſtantiſm: The Proteſtant Body is too formidable for an Attack in Form, therefore they *deal ſubtilely with our Kindred*, they lye upon the Lurch, murder in the dark, coin Crimes where they find none, they aſſume various Forms, of a Lyon, Lamb, ——and in all they poyſon and plunder.

COME on, ſaid the KING *of* Egypt, *let us deal wiſely with them, leſt they multiply*; q. d. let us make them Slaves, and keep them poor, and cut them off *par degrez*. The Task-Maſters of *Egypt* were merciful Lords, compar'd with the Tyrants of *Rome*, who like the Lords of the deſerts make their Subjects their Prey.

OUR Enemies who are well appriz'd of their inferior Strength, yet ceaſe not to give freſh Challenges to the Patrons of the Reformation, who are ſtruck at in all thoſe bloody Scenes: So audacious and daring in their Inſults, as if they were ſure of a final Conqueſt; a Sign they have loſt all their College-Virtues, but Impudence and wild Fire.

THESE Atrocities they generally commit in their own Precincts, where every Eccleſiaſtical Butcher is Lord *Paramount*, and(if we may believe thoſe who pretend a Privilege to lye) ſuperior to all Powers in Heaven and Earth. Impunity animates them in their unchriſtian and unmanly Purſuits, and the Proſpect of meriting Heaven by it, adds Fuel to the impetuous Flame.

IN a Word, Zeal for the Church ſanctifies all Cruelties, and ſolves all Doubts and Compunctions, that may ariſe from unextinguiſht Humanity in the Conſcience; thus guarded, they daily puſh on their Conqueſts, proceeding from leſs to greater; ſo that what was formerly a Torrent, is now ſwell'd into a mighty River, and if that River be not ſoon and well bankt, it will ſwell into an irreſiſtible Deluge. The red Regiments like Troops of Waves come rolling on;

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Our Neighbour's Fields are already over run with them, and their Aim is at all.

THUS the *Romans* of old, who ſet up for Patrons of Juſtice, were never ſatisfied, till all that belong'd to others became their own; they firſt conquer'd *Italy*, then *Spain*, next *France*, afterwards *Germany*, and after them *England*. Nor did their Ambition reſt here, but carried them over *Aſia* and *Africa*, ſo that from Lords of one Town, *Rome* in its Embryo, they became Monarchs of the whole World.

NOW, What ſhall be done? What can be done in a Caſe ſo perplext and intricate? A deep and deſperate Wound is given to the Proteſtant Cauſe; Who? And what muſt ſtanch the Blood?

SHALL we ſummon in the Aids of Heaven?

SHALL Proteſtant Princes remonſtrate againſt thoſe Cruelties?

SHALL we make Repriſals on the Enemy?

SHALL we repel Force by Force? And if ſo. Are we a Match for their Legions?

SECTION I.

Prayers and Tears the Weapons of the Church, formerly ſucceſsful, have loſt their Force. Oracles are ſilent.

SHALL we addreſs Heaven on Behalf of our perſecuted Brethren?

'TIS done. I need not ſummon you to muſter up your Griefs, and mingle your Tears with their Blood: No doubt, but innumerable fervent Addreſſes are lodg'd in the ſupreme Court; but alas! The *divine Nemeſis* turns the deaf Ear, and the Weapons of the Church, that were wont to conquer the Anger of Heaven, have loſt their quondam Energy.

WHAT then ſhall we do for the Innocents doom'd to die? The Gates of Heaven that us'd to fly open before the Prayers of the faithful, continue ſhut. No Reprieve deſcends from above! No Arreſt of Judgement!

OUR Reformed Brethren are in ſore Diſtreſs, the *Philiſtines* make War upon them: They cry aloud for Help, but all Refuge fails. We have ſent our ardent Supplications to Heaven, but *Heaven anſwers not, Neither by Dreams, nor by Urim, nor by Prophets.* No Fire deſcends upon our Altars. *Panathanæa* is of no Efficacy. Our Oracles are ſilent, as Lamps that burn in ſubterraneous Tombs. Terrible Silence! more dreadful than the Sound of Thunder.

SECTION II.

Remonſtrances made by Proteſtant Princes, in Favour of perſecuted Proteſtants, diſregarded, and will be, till ſomething elſe give Weight to their Mediation.

SHALL Proteſtant Princes interceed with the Men of Violence in Behalf of oppreſſed Proteſtants?

IT's done; and in Terms moſt pathetick: But alas! the moſt moving Applications have been no more than ſtill born Sounds; *the Pharaohs of the Nations will not let the People go.* The Oppreſſor is inflexible. Letters interceſſional have been ſent by the Proteſtant Powers to the King of *Poland*, in Favour of the moſt miſerable Inhabitants of *Thorn*; but ſo far was he and his Miniſters from being impreſt, that they depeacht the Execution of thoſe poor Innocents ſeveral Days before the Time determined by the Sentence.

To complain of Wrong, or ſue for Mercy, where Jeſuits rule and over-rule, is to addreſs the Dumb and Deaf: The Wolf having got the Sheep into his Paw, is not to be harangu'd out of his Prey; no, not by the Eloquence of Royal Mediators.

The *Fr*—— as well as the *Poliſh* Perſecutor, is hardned beyond the Reclaim of common Preſcriptions. 'Tis poſſible indeed to atchieve ſomething that may give Weight to their Remonſtrances, and that is, to treat Papiſts as they do Proteſtants; this would induce even the *Pope* to plead for the Liberty of Proteſtants, to prevent the Deſtruction of his own Minions and Vaſſals; the Conſideration of which, falls under the next Head.

SECTION III.

Qualified Repriſals a Cure for Popiſh Bigotry. Lex talionis, *practis'd by the* Romans *and* Jews, *illuſtrated. More Papiſts in Proteſtant Countries, than Proteſtants in Popiſh ones. A voluntary Baniſhment and Exchange of Parties propoſed. Proteſtants the greateſt Gainers by it. Trade an Enemy to the Church. Lay-mens Buſineſs to be poor, and drudge for the Prieſt. Riches the Property of the Church, and when got into Lay Hands, the Church is in Danger. Fifty Papiſts for Fifty Proteſtants. Jeſuits at the Helm in Church and State. Conſequences of their Regency.*

WHAT ſhall be done? Shall Proteſtant Princes make Repriſals upon the Papiſts that dwell in Proteſtant Dominions?

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THE Law of Retaliation duly executed, would very probably put an End to Popiſh Cruelties; but ſuch a Treatment would be palpable Oppreſſion, and to copy from that gloomy Original, would be to lay waſte humane Nature. But the Law of Retaliation, ſubject to certain Reſtrictions, may perhaps, and with equal Succeſs, be executed without offering Violence to the Maxims of Religion and Reaſon; and till ſomething of this Nature (where Stipulations, Parchments, and Seals are not binding) be done, or Recourſe had to Force, there is little Hopes of putting a Stop to the Progreſs of the impetuous Innundation.

THE Religion of Proteſtants has for many Years been upon the Decline, and, without a vigorous Effort of the Proteſtant Powers, the growing Eclipſe will become total.

THE *Romans* had a Law they call'd *Lex talionis*, which in all criminal Caſes directed the Puniſhment to be in ſome Circumſtances adequate to the Fault.

THE *Statutes* of *Moſes* require *Tooth for Tooth, Eye for Eye*, and ſo proportionably for other Injuries: This Rule was agreeable to the divine Method of executive Juſtice, and is in perpetual Force, as it is the Foundation-Law of Right and Wrong, and the Rule whereby Rewards and Puniſhments are meaſured and diſtributed: *With what Judgement ye judge, ye ſhall be judged; and with what meaſure ye mete, it ſhall be meaſured to you again.* Mat. vii. 2.

THIS Method of Juſtice has one peculiar Advantage, That it carries a powerful Conviction along with it. Thus, when *Adonibezek* had his Thumbs and great Toes cut off, he ſubſcribes to the Equity of the Sentence, ſaying, *Three Score and Ten Kings having their Thumbs and great Toes cut off, gathered their meat under my Table; as I have done, ſo God has requited me.* Judg. i. 6, 7. *

THIS is that grand Retribution the preſent Examples

* *Neque enim æquior ulla eſt.* Ovid.
Quam Necis Artifices arte perire ſua.

amples of Severity ſeem to call for, (if milder Methods fail) as one of the laſt Expedients for ſecuring the Proteſtant Faith abroad, and by Conſequence at home, which by a new Conſpiracy of the Jeſuits (thoſe Furies incarnate) is threatned with utter Extinction; and perhaps, it may be no Error in Politicks to moat and keep the Men of Blood at a diſtance from us, and bind their Hands, till they are taught to make better Uſe of 'em.

SHOULD Proteſtant States reſolve to root out Popery from their Dominions, and to have but one Religion with its various Subordinations and Subdiviſions, it would contribute towards curing thoſe Franticks of their pious Madneſs: But that muſt be with this Proviſo and Difference, that no Papiſt be depriv'd of his Life, or Poſſeſſions, in the Execution of this Law, but may be impowered to make the beſt Hand of his *Moveables* and *Terra firma*, and with them to retire to the Land of *Nod*, and their linger out their Days among the Murderers of the Brethren.

THE *Pythagoreans* define Puniſhment by Ἀντιπεπονθὸς a Suffering the like, and the Judgement of *Radamanthus* is brought to confirm this Method, *viz.* that then Juſtice is duly adminiſter'd, when the Offender ſuffers as he ſins. *

BUT theſe Expreſſions have a proverbial Aſpect, implying no more, than that the Penalty ought to be proportion'd to the Offence, ſince 'tis not neceſſary a Man ſhould ſuffer in the ſame manner he offended, *i. e.* that the Criminal ſhould always be puniſhed by Retaliation.

IT's generally preſum'd, that there are more Papiſts in Proteſtant Countries, than Proteſtants in Popiſh Ones, eſpecially ſince the ſad and melancholy Executions abroad: Now, inſtead of ſanguinary Means, what if we propoſe *Baniſhment* and *Barter* by way of Compromiſe, to prevent Effuſion of Blood?

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* Puffendorf's *Law*, lib. viii. c. 3

Let Papiſts, who are ſcattered among Proteſtants, be pronounced Aliens, but have Liberty to ſell their Eſtates, and tranſplant themſelves into Popiſh Dominions, taking with them Bag and Baggage; and let Proteſtants reſiding among Papiſts be allow'd the ſame Privilege, *viz.* of converting their Eſtates into portable Effects, and of retiring with them into Proteſtant Climates.

This can be no diſagreable Motion to Papiſts, who hate Proteſtants, and have been always emptying their Country of them, in order to eſtabliſh papal Uniformity. And the Motion muſt needs be agreable to Proteſtants, becauſe the Advantage falls on their ſide; Proteſtant Countries being more propitious to Strangers to live in, not only upon the Score of *Liberty*, (*a Bleſſing ſuperior to Life*) but becauſe Proteſtants are the great trading People of the World.

In Popiſh Countries, *Trade is generally reckoned among the Enemies of the Church*: The Reaſon is, Becauſe Trade is the Riches of the Laity, and ſuch Riches as they are apt to look upon as their own. Whereas the proper Buſineſs of Laymen (thoſe inferior Pieces of Clay) is to be poor, to crouch, and be ſubject, and trudge hard for the Church, that thereby, the Prieſt may be put into a Capacity to ranſom them out of Purgatory.

The Lay-poverty ſo conſpicuous in *Spain*, and *Italy*, is juſtly attributed to the Religion of the Church, who has impos'd the Obſervation of ſo many Holidays, that they are not allow'd above two or three Days a Week for common Labour.

To grant them ſix Days out of ſeven for ſecular Buſineſs, would be to aggrandiſe Slaves, and mount 'em into a Station, to which the Prieſts have an hereditary Right: Should Laymen grow rich, they would grow arrogant, and be apt to claim a Property to *their Eſtates*, and to *their Underſtandings* too; the Conſequence of which, would be infinitely pernicious to the Church: For if Men begin to ſee with their own Eyes, there will be no need of ſpiritual Guides.

But you'll ſay, Retaliation muſt be perſonal. True, where it may be exerciſed. In the Want of ſuch Opportunity, you may ſubſtitute Equivalents, and ſuch as are generally allowed by Confederacies, Alliances, and Leagues, as well as Laws of War.

Now, let us ſuppoſe, for Inſtance, a Hundred *Palatine* Proteſtants be driven out of their native Country, all deſtitute and naked: Let the King of *Pruſſia* drive out of his Country an equal Number of *Papiſts* of the ſame Rank; but with this Difference, namely, that they may tranſport all their Idols, and all other Effects with them.

Should a Neighbour Prince ſentence Fifty of his Proteſtant Subjects to the Drudgery of the Oar: Let the *K.* of *Britons* commit as many Papiſts of equal Quality to *Bridewell*, or *Houſe* of *Correction*, allowing them their Eſtates, and the private Uſe of their Religion: At the ſame time ſuggeſting to them, how their Confinement is the Effect of Popiſh Cruelties abroad, to which Cruelties, they themſelves are Conſenters, Acceſſories, and Parties; becauſe in Sentiments they concur with thoſe bloody Men, approve their Deeds, and are obliged to do ſo by Principle and Intereſt; withall informing them how the Crown of *England* is Guarantee for the Liberty of our neighbouring Proteſtants; and, therefore, may make Repriſals when and where it pleaſes; but that they ſhall be no longer in Durance, than our Brethren abroad are in Trouble.

Does the King of *Poland* ſay, I will have no Proteſtant in my Kingdom? Let another Potentate ſay, and I will have no Papiſt in my Dominions; nor yet will I deprive them of their Limbs and Lives, nor of their Goods and Chattels; but the Bench ſhall make an Order to convey them to the Place where their proper Settlement is, and when there, let 'em ſend for *Turks* to teach them Humanity.

The Jeſuits, thoſe *Phaetons of the Earth*, and great Sources of Perſecution, who long aim'd at univerſal

Power, have at Length gain'd their Point; there being now no Popiſh State, in which, they are not the ſole Guardians of Conſcience, and ſupreme Directors in the State. What the Conſequences will be, I portend not; but thoſe who know the Definition of a Jeſuit, know that Fire is his Nature, Iron his Heart, and War his Wiſh. In a Word,

THAT Repriſals of this Nature have been ſucceſsful, is exemplified in the King of *Pruſſia*: The Prince of *Newburgh*, who makes ſuch Havock in the *Palatinate*, dare not diſturb his Proteſtant Subjects in *Juliers* and *Berg*; becauſe if he did, the King of *Pruſſia* would make Repriſals on the Papiſts in *Cleves*, which is under the Juriſdiction of his *Pruſſian Majeſty*.

SECTION IV.

IF Proteſtant Princes don't put a Stop to the Progreſs of Popiſh Cruelties, where will they end? Princes advanced for the Protection of their Fellow Mortals. Perſecution is a Houſe on Fire. Hercules *and* Theſeus *applauded by the Ancients for ſubduing Tyrants, that invaded the Liberties and Rights of Mankind. Religion that is not to be propagated by Force, may be defended againſt thoſe that would deſtroy it. Church of* Rome *in War againſt Proteſtants ever ſince the Reformation. The Primitive Church under* Conſtantine *reſcued perſecuted Chriſtians by Force of Arms. Oppreſſed Proteſtants aſſiſted by the Church of* England *againſt their lawful Sovereigns, when their Sovereigns turn Oppreſſors.*

SINCE the bloody Executions abroad, are ſo many Declarations of War againſt Proteſtants, ſhall Proteſtant

teſtant Sovereigns accept the Challenge, and repel Force by Force, or ſit ſtill, and let theſe bloody Miniſters of Death carry on their Conqueſts?

PRIVATE Chriſtians muſt keep within their Sphere, avoiding Eccentricities, and be ſubject to the higher Powers; but Princes, who are elevated to high Stations, are not under the ſame Reſtrictions; their Commiſſion being to give Protection to Virtue and Innocence, as they are the Shields of the Earth, and Repreſentatives of the univerſal King.

IN a common Calamity all Hands are at Work; as in a Town when a Houſe is on Fire, all the Neighbours contribute their beſt Aſſiſtance towards ſuppreſſing the Flames; and to prevent their Progreſs will blow up the adjoining Houſes, without any Regard to Property for that time; tho' afterwards, the Proprietors of them ought to be equally conſider'd with the other Sufferers, by the Community of which they are Members.

WHAT is the terrible graſſation at *Thorn*, but a kind of *political Fire* kindled in the Bowels of Proteſtant Churches? A Fire which threatens the Overthrow of all, if the raging Flame be not extinguiſht in time †.

TO ſupport oppreſs'd Innocence, and ſubdue open Tyrants, is a Work worthy of thoſe who are born to aſſert and maintain the Liberties of Mankind. Such, ſays *Grotius*, who have equal Power with Kings, have a Power not only to puniſh Injuries done againſt themſelves and Subjects, but others who inhumanely violate the Law of Nature and Nations *.

YEA, ſo much more noble is it to vindicate other Mens Injuries than our own; hence it is, that the

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Ucalegon. Virg. Æneid. *lib.* ii. Juven. Sat. iii.
* Grot. *lib.* ii. *et* iii.

Chaſtiſement of publick Oppreſſors, has been always counted a Kindneſs to Mankind, and a generous Regard to the Rights of humane Nature.

THUS, *Hercules* is applauded by the Ancients, for ſetting oppreſſed Countries at Liberty from ſuch as *Antæus* the *Libyan Tyrant*, who having deſigned to erect a Temple to *Neptune* of *humane Sculls*, kill'd all Men he met, which coming to the Ears of the *Tirynthian Hero*, he diſpatcht him out of the World by a Squeeze.

BUSIRIS King of *Ægypt*, another Tyrant, who ſacrificed Paſſengers and Travellers, was attackt and ſlain by *Hercules* for his inhumane Violences. Some think the *Ægyptian* Word ſignifies the Sepulchre of *Oſiris*, near which Place, it was the Cuſtom to offer up humane Victims.

DIOMEDES King of *Thrace*, who fed his Horſes with humane Fleſh, was with his Horſes ſlain by *Hercules* for his barbarous Uſage of Mankind.

THE Ancients ſpeak of him as the Grand Patron of Liberty, and that he travers'd the Earth, not to plunder it, or indulge a vicious Humour; but to hunt out publick Oppreſſors, and execute Juſtice upon 'em.

THESEUS, a noble *Athenian* (fired with a generous Emulation of *Hercules* his Relative, and whoſe heroick Actions he endeavour'd to imitate) was placed among the Gods, for ſubduing thoſe that diſturb'd the publick Peace of the World †.

PROCRUSTES the Tyrant of *Attica*, who cut off the Legs of thoſe that were longer than his Bed, and ſtretcht with Cords thoſe that were ſhorter, was himſelf put to the ſame Death by *Theſeus* wherewith he us'd to murder innocent Men.

IT was the Opinion of *Iſocrates*, that the moſt juſt War is againſt wild Beaſts; the next againſt Men that are like thoſe Beaſts *.

† Plut. *in vit.*

* τὸν μὲν πόλεμον ἐπὶ θηρίων. &c. Iſocrat. *Orat. & Ep. Panathenaic, p.* 413. *Cantabr.* 1686.

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EVEN a private Man may tie the Hands of a cruel Father, to prevent him from murdering his Child; yea, ſhould a King in a delirious Fit attempt the Death of thoſe about him, a Subject without Breach of Duty, may wreſt the Sword out of his Hand, and put it out of his Power to hurt his Friends.

THUS, we ſee that in Caſe of Tyranny, whether open or private, punitive Power has (by the Light and Law of Nature) extended itſelf further than federal Juriſdiction, and that remarkable Oppreſſors of Mankind have been (and may be) chaſtis'd by thoſe who have no legal Dominion over them, therefore adds the Caſuiſt, *viz.*

KINGS, beſides the Care of their own Kingdom, have lying upon them the Care of human Society: Hence it is, that the Powers of the Earth enter into Alliances and Leagues to guard Men againſt the Oppreſſion of their own Governours and others. And this accounts for the Original of a Guarantee, whoſe Office is, not only to ſee Articles perform'd in Treaties between Princes and Princes, but between Princes and their Subjects; as in the Caſe of *Thorn*, where by the Treaty of *Oliva*, the King of *Pruſſia* is Guardian of their Liberties, as the Kings of *England* are of the *Edict of Nantes*, by the Peace of *Montpelier* and by other Treaties *.

BESIDES, tho' Proteſtants be ſituated in different and diſtant Regions, they may be lookt upon as Members of one Body or Society, united for mutual Defence, animated by one Soul, *viz.* the Reformation, whoſe Intereſt is to preſerve entire all its Parts, and make Repriſals upon all Aggreſſors and their Allies.

DIVIDE *Europe* into Proteſtant and Papiſt, and in this Situation, and View, the two Denominations are declared Enemies, and always have been in a State of War ſince the Reformation; ſo that when one commits

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* *Memorial of* Fr. Refugees *to* Q. Ann. 1712.

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Hoſtilities on the other, why ſhould not the injur'd Party make Repriſals upon the Invader, in Caſe he refuſes to make Satisfaction in an amicable way? This Proteſtant Alliance and Union ſhould produce ſuch Intimacy and Conformity between confederated Proteſtants, as that it may be ſaid, *He that touches one, toucheth the other alſo.*

But how far the ſupreme Powers of the World may extend their powerful Regards to innocent Subjects of other Princes, who are ſo notoriouſly oppreſt, plunder'd, and cruelly murder'd for their Religion, that hold no Principles oppoſite to Government, Nature, or Revelation. *Hic Labor hoc Opus.*

The Partition of the Earth into diſtinct States, being only a human prudential Conſtitution, *Query*, Whether this does exempt Princes from doing univerſal Juſtice to the utmoſt of their Power upon extraordinary Occaſions? If the Shepherd of the People ſhould transform himſelf into a Wolf, and go about to worry his Flock, is there no Remedy?

I ſhall only obſerve, *That Governments are not ſet up for the Advantage, Pleaſure, and Glory of Princes, but for the good of Society:* For this Reaſon, *Plato* and *Ariſtotle* find no more certain Way of diſtinguiſhing between a good King and a Tyrant, than that the firſt ſeeks to promote the common Good, and the other his own Pleaſure and Profit.

The Liberties of the People are the Gifts of Heaven, and not derived from their Governours, who are obliged to govern themſelves and People by certain Laws, reciprocally conſented to; therefore no People are bound to ſuffer what their Princes have no Power to inflict, the Laws of every Nation being the Meaſure of magiſtratical Power.

If People be in Danger from unjuſt and violent Aſſaults, they have a natural Right to defend themſelves, *i. e.* of reſiſting, ſome way or other, that, which ought not to be done unto 'em by their municipal Laws, or thoſe of Nature.

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All Laws muſt fall, human Societies that ſubſiſt by 'em, and innocent Men be expos'd to the Violence of the moſt wicked, if Men might not juſtly defend themſelves againſt Injuſtice by their own natural Right, when the Ways preſcribed by publick Authority can't be taken *.

Religion, 'tis true, is not to be propagated by Force of Arms, defended it may, and ought. Nor are Chriſtians to make War againſt thoſe that will not receive the Documents of Chriſtianity, tho' *Grotius* is of Opinion, they juſtly may, againſt thoſe who deal cruelly with Chriſtians, for Religion's Sake: For, adds he, there is nothing in the Chriſtian Diſcipline, as ſuch, that is hurtful to humane Society; which was acknowledg'd by the Heathens.

If Self-Defence be a Duty in any Caſe, much more in the Caſe of Religion, which is the beſt and nobleſt Part of our ſelves and Poſſeſſions.

If the Proteſtant Religion be the only true Religion, in a little time there will be no true Religion on Earth, if the ſwelling Tide of Papal Perſecution be not ſtemm'd in time. The Proteſtant Faith that already has been baniſht out of ſeveral Countries, will ſoon undergo the ſame Fate in other Places, if no Check be given to the Progreſs of the aſpiring Enemy.

In the Theocracy, *Iſrael* ſupported its Allies and Friends. The Primitive Church, when in Poſſeſſion of Power, warmly eſpous'd the Cauſe of Chriſtianity, even to Blood.

Since the Inſtitution of Societies, Rulers have a Right over their Subjects, where they really offend, or where the Caſe is doubtful: But where the Injury done unto them is notorious and intollerable; where any *Buſiris*, *Phalaris*, *Diomedes* executes ſuch things on their innocent Subjects, there ſays the Caſuiſt, the Right of humane Society is not precluded †.

* Algern. Sidney *Diſc. of Government.*
† Grotius.

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THE Chriſtian Man has a natural Right, not only to defend himſelf by Force againſt the cruel Oppreſſion of Aſſailants, but to aſſiſt others, in the like Caſe; eſpecially thoſe call'd by the inſpired Writer, *The Houſhold of Faith*, *Gal.* vi. 10. that is, who profeſs the ſame Religion.

THUS, *Conſtantine*, who was Head of the Chriſtian Church, made War againſt *Maxentius* the Tyrant, who perſecuted the Chriſtians, drove him into the *Tiber*, where he was drown'd; he, who had drown'd others in their Blood.

C. V. Licinius, another Emperor, and a moſt cruel Perſecuter of the Chriſtians, was dethron'd, impriſon'd, and at laſt ſtrangled by *Conſtantine*, tho' his Brother in Law.

FOR the ſame Reaſons, other Chriſtian Emperors made War upon the *Perſians*, or threatned to do ſo, if they did not abſtain from perſecuting the Chriſtians †.

THE late *King* of *Sweden* interpos'd on Behalf of the *Sileſian Proteſtants*, and by Force of Arms obliged the *Emperor* to reſtore them to their Churches.

THE People of *England* have not only aſſiſted their perſecuted Brethren abroad, but in their Turn have call'd in foreign Powers to aſſiſt them againſt the Oppreſſions of their own perſecuting Monarchs.

CHURCH and *State* concur'd with *Queen Elizabeth* in aſſiſting the *Dutch* and *French Proteſtants*, when they had taken up Arms againſt their lawful Princes in Defence of Religion.

IN King *James* I. Reign, the Succeſs of the perſecuted *Dutch* againſt their Sovereigns (A. D. 1605 and 1624) was owing to the Bravery of the *Engliſh* Regiments, commanded by *Sir Francis Vere* and *Sir Edward Cecil*. In this Reign, lived the famous *Sir Henry Wotton*, who puts the Queſtion, *viz.*

† *In Perſas, alii Romanorum Imperatores arma ceperunt, aut capere minati ſunt; niſi vim Chriſtianis Religionis nomine arcerent.* Grot. *de Jure* lib. ii. cap. xxv. p. 414.

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WHETHER Subjects muſt endure all the Cruelties and Tyrannies of their Princes? — And how muſt their Inſolencies be reſtrain'd? and anſwers thus;

"I find two notable Laws for the Puniſhment of "ſuch Princes: The one made by *Conrad* the *Emperor*, "commanding all Princes to embrace *Peace*, to main- "tain *Law* and *Equity*, and not to diſturb the quiet "and peaceable State of the Empire; and that who- "ſoever tranſgreſt in any of theſe three Points ſhould "ſuffer Death."

THE other Law, by *Otho* the 3*d*, much to the ſame Effect, only he added, "That the Prince offend- "ing in any of theſe three Points, ſhould, beſide the "Loſs of his Life, looſe all his Dominions and be held "a common Enemy; and that all the Princes of "*Chriſtendom* ſhould riſe in Arms againſt him, as a "perturber of Chriſtian Peace and Tranquillity (α).

He ſaith in *Page* 207, "That oppreſt Subjects may "implore the Aid of foreign Princes to ſuppreſs their "oppreſſing Governours, if their Cauſe be juſt and "good."

IN his Supplement, he adds, "That the Prince "denying to do Juſtice to his Subjects, may law- "fully be depriv'd of his Power and Royal Authority "over them.

"IF after Admonition he remains incorrigible; "then may his Cruelties and Tyrannies be made "known to the World, — and certified to Chriſtian "Princes, it may be lawful to implore their Help, for "the ſpeedy Suppreſſing, ſuch a manifeſt incorrigible "Oppreſſor and Tyrant."

GROTIUS, among other Reaſons, juſtifying Sub- jects taking up Arms againſt their Princes, alledges this, *inſufferable Cruelties, and when their Prince is reſolv'd upon their Deſtruction* (β).

(α) *State of* Chriſtendom, *p.* 204

(β) *Propter immanem Sævitiam*, and, *Quando Rex in Populi exi- tium fertur. De Jure Belli.*

KING *Charles* I. ſent the *Duke* of *Buckingham* with a Fleet to relieve the poor Proteſtants in *Rochel*, which was then beſieg'd by *Lewis* XIII. At the ſame time, there was a publick Faſt over all *England* on their Account, and in the publick Form they pray'd for the Succeſs of the Perſecuted againſt their *King*.

OLIVER, by a few Threats diſpers'd abroad, put a full Stop to the Perſecution of foreign Proteſtants. When the *Duke* of *Savoy* threatned to nail his Ambaſſador's Hat to his Head; and if you do, ſaid *Oliver*, I will ſend Ten Thouſand Men to take out the Nail, whereupon *Hector* lower'd his Sails, and the Perſecutor turns Guardian.

WHEN *Portugal* was diſtreſs'd by the *King* of *Spain*, from whom it had revolted, King *Charles* II. ſent an Army to their Relief, tho' Religion was not concern'd in the Quarrel.

WHEN King *James* II. one of the hereditary Monarchs of *England*, invaded the fundamental Rights of his People, and began to oppreſs the Church by committing her Biſhops to the Tower, *&c.* The Church called in the *Dutch*, (whom ſhe had formerly aſſiſted in the like Circumſtance) who under the Conduct of the *Brave Prince of Orange*, reſcued Church and State from imminent Deſtruction.

THUS, the Church made no bones of turning out the Lord's-Anointed, when he turn'd Perſecutor.

THE late Queen *Ann* when a Subject, thought it no Treaſon, nor Breach of filial Duty, to joyn with a foreign Power, to oppoſe her Royal Father, when he undermined the Church with a Deſign to introduce Popery: If Religion had not been dearer to her than a Father, 'tis not likely that her Royal Highneſs would have turn'd looſe the *Belgick Lyon* upon the *unhappy Man*, and ſo dear a Relative,

WHEN the Proteſtants in the Biſhoprick of *Hildeſheim* and *Hoxtar*, were oppreſt by the *Elector* of *Cologn*, his preſent Majeſty *King GEORGE* when *Elector*, put Troops in the Capital City to oblige the Papiſts

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to obſerve the *Weſtphalian Treaty* on the Head of Religion, and did not withdraw them till he compell'd the Enemy to redreſs the Grievances of the Proteſtants.

ADD to what has been ſaid, how the *Pope* and his *Panders* daily animate Papiſts in *England* and other *Proteſtant States* to rebel againſt their Sovereigns, tho' no Violence is offered to their Perſons or Properties. A Watch-word to Proteſtants.

SIR *Henry Wotton* obſerves how the Popiſh Powers enter'd into a League to ſuppreſs the Princes of the Reformation. Thus, the *Emperor* did not only agree to joyn Forces with *Francis* I. KING of *France* againſt 'em; but implored the Aſſiſtance of other Romiſh Powers: By the Articles they were to uſe the *Pope's Cruſado's* in the War againſt Proteſtants, as they were wont to do againſt the *Turks* (α).

SIR *James Melvil* tells us, that *Monſieur de Villamonte* was ſent with a Commiſſion to treat with the *Queen*, that in no way ſhe ſhould ſhew any Favour to the Proteſtant baniſht Lords; becauſe that all Catholick Princes were bandied to root 'em out of all *Europe* (β).

N. B. This was a Device of the *Cardinal* of *Lorain* after he return'd from the Council of *Trent*.

SECTION V.

BUT you'll ſay, ſhould the Papiſts force us to a Religious War, are we able to encounter their numerous Legions after ſo great a Conſumption made in the Proteſtant Body? I anſwer,

DOUBTLESS. Let their Numbers be never ſo great, the Proteſtants are ſtill ſuperior in

(α) *His State of* Chriſtendom, *p.* 224, 225.
(β) *His Memoirs, p.* 63.

Power and Purſe too: If they had not been an over Match for *Rome* they had been long ago demoliſht. Theſe ſubtile Enemies would never be at the Expence of deſtroying us by piece-meals, were it in their Power to chop off the Head of the Proteſtant Body by a ſingle Blow.

We had been ſwallow'd up alive long ago; but that we are too large a Morſel for them, as wide as their Throats are.

Upon the Continent, it's true, they excell us in Number; but by being Maſters of the Sea, we not only coop 'em in on Land, but can at Pleaſure alarm their Coaſts, bombard their maritime Towns, and turn them into ſo many glowing Furnaces; we can eaſily deſtroy their Commerce, and by ſeizing their Ships, ſoon beggar their Merchants.

If the Britiſh Fleet be now the Terror of the Univerſe, what Wonders may we not expect upon the Conjunction of the Naval Powers of *England*, *Holland*, *Sweden*, *Denmark*, and *Ruſſia*? What a Horror will thoſe floating Caſtles ſpread through the Continent? The very thought of it makes their Blood to chill. Methinks, ſaid a certain Foreigner, when I ſpeak of the *Britiſh Fleet*, *I hear Thunder grumbling in a diſtant Cloud.*

The *Baltick Sea* is encircled with a glorious Conſtellation of Proteſtants, powerful enough, not only to over-awe their Popiſh Neighbours, but to make conſiderable diverſion abroad. *Poland* (diſtreſt by Plurality of humours) dreads the *Ruſſian*; *Muſſulmen* hate the *Poles*; *Courland* and the Cities of *Pruſſia* will ſit upon their Skirts.

The *German* Proteſtants united, would make a formidable Kingdom, yea, the *Grand Chamberlain* himſelf ſtrong enough to bridle an Empire.

The *Fr*——, indeed, look terrible; at the *firſt* Onſet they are more than Men, but at the *laſt* leſs than Women; they know how to brandiſh their Tongue beyond all Nations, but they will allow us to be

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their Maſters at the Sword; In the *Levity*, *Rodomantado*, and *Chicane*, we give them the Preference, as they do to us in the military Art.

THEY wear a Sword, but ſince the Grand Monarch's Retreat from the Earth, 'tis more for Ornament than Uſe. *Gallick Fortitude* attended him to the other World, its Ghoſt juſt appear'd in the Days of *Miſſiſſippi*, and after a Struggle for the Philoſophers Stone ſneakt off. In their late Conqueſts they were fortunate, in Proportion to the *Golden Snares* they laid for their Enemies, and never took a Town, but what they firſt paid for.

FROM *Italy* (where Errors and Treaſons ſit conſtantly brooding) we have little to fear, if the Idea's of Painters, Courtezans, Eunuchs, and Fidlers, have nothing frightful in them.

IF ſix Hundred ſixty ſix Bombs, were thrown into *Babylon* the *Great*; *Rome* (a Court the moſt proud and ambitious in the World) would tremble, and the Roman Infallibility would be put to its Trumps.

POLICY and Poverty conſtitute an *Italian Prince*, the one will oblige him to ſit ſtill, the other direct him how to plead for the Convenience of ſuch a Poſture: They hate War and Quarelling, but can act a Scaramouch with any Nation.

VENICE, the *Adroit*, that City of Addreſs is Romiſh, but more wedded to the Sea than to *Rome*, dreads nothing ſo much as a *Turk* and bad Markets; will loſe no Blood for any Religion but Gain, nor fight for any *GOD* but *Mammon*.

NOT a Sea-Horſe in the *Mediterranean* but has a *Minorcan* Bridle in its Mouth, and ſhould it break looſe, it will be noos'd at *Gibraltar*.

TEN *Engliſh* Men of War, will give *Gadira* the Convulſion; Fifty Men of War more will enlighten the weſtern Coaſts of *young Nimrod*, and make the *Ægyptians* ſay, *Let us flee from the Face of* Iſrael.

THIS Triumph by Sea is a Conqueſt of the Land, and will effectually clip the Wings of Papal Harpies,

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that not a Limb of them ſhall float in Air; and when Birds of Prey have loſt their Wings, you may (to prevent future Danger) cut off their Talons or Legs.

But after all, Skirmiſhes about Religion may happen among oppoſite Powers; but an univerſal religious War there will not, there cannot be: Yea, ſuppoſe *France* and *Spain* ſhould unite their Forces, and turn them againſt Proteſtants; even the *Pope* (who would have no Friend without a Fetter) would damn the Project, if conſiſtent with his Predeceſſors.

Our Hiſtorians tell us, how the victorious Arms of *Charles* V againſt the Proteſtants created a World of Jealouſies at *Rome*, and obliged *Pope Paul* the III, to recall the Troops deſtin'd to the Emperor's Service.

GREGORY the XV, in the War of the *Valtoline*, ſided with the *Griſons*, who were Proteſtants, againſt the *Spaniard's* who were Papiſts.

Nor was *Urban* the VIII diſpleas'd to ſee, the Houſe of *Auſtria* mortified by *Guſtavus Adolphus* the King of *Sweden*; that *Pope* inſtead of paying the Emperor *Ferdinand* II a Sum of Money according to Promiſe, ſent him and his Army *a plenary Indulgence in the Hour of Death*, on Purpoſe, that they might with greater Confidence expoſe themſelves to Danger.

But we muſt not take theſe unuſual Inſtances as criterions of his Friendſhip, but Policy. He would not have our Deſtruction attempted by rough Means and open Violences, leſt the Houſe they are pulling down ſhould fall upon their own Heads; but he would carry on the barbarous Deſign againſt Proteſtants by ſapping, and covert Ways, now and then ſacrificing a few Straglers: Succeſs, adds the *Infallible*, depends on a gradual Progreſs; *Pull Hair by Hair, and you will make the Carl bald*, ſays the Proverb.

PLUTARCH, in the Life of *Sertorius*, tells us, that his Fame bringing many Thouſands under his Command, they grew ungovernable in their Attacks of the Enemy; on which, *Sertorius* commanded two Horſes

Horſes to be brought into the Field, and a ſtrong Man to pull at the Tail of one, and a weak old Man at the other.

THE ſtrong Man catcht all the Tail at once in his Hands, fell a tugging with all his Might to no purpoſe; but the weak Man pulling off the Hairs one by one, in a little time left the Tail bare. You ſee, ſaid *Sertorius* to the Spectators, that what can't be done by one Effort, is by Degrees effected, for there is no Force ſo great, which may not be leſſen'd in time (*a*).

I am of Opinion, there is one Conſideration not yet mention'd, that will effectually ſecure the Proteſtant Intereſt againſt all future Storms; and that is, a ſtrict Union amongſt all the Proteſtant Powers, and the *Glorious* KING *GEORGE* (the great Patron of Liberty and Property) at the Head of it.

A Conjunction of ſuch Luminaries would amaze the World, drive away the gathering Clouds, and inſtantly exorciſe the Spirit of Perſecution, without any other Expedients.

THE Jeſuit, who is himſelf a War, and who now ſo profuſely throws about the Arrows of Death, would look with a gloomy *ſtare* at the News, and his Zeal cool for Want of Fuel to keep in the Fire.

NOT a Dog in *Ægypt* would move his Tongue againſt *Iſrael*, if *Iſrael* were thus united, eſpecially under King *George*, the tutelar Head of the Proteſtant Religion.

(*a*) Plut. *in Vitam* Sertor.

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